



Executive Department
State of Idaho

The Office of the Governor
Proclamation

State Capitol
Boise

WHEREAS, The Idaho Foodbank distributed more than four million pounds of food in 2003 for the fourth consecutive year and in collaboration with its donors and partner agencies over the past 20 years has distributed more than 48 million pounds of donated food throughout Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Idaho has the fourth worst rate of hunger in the nation and about 198,000 Idahoans, including 88,00 children, are unsure whether they will have enough food for their next meal, and one in eight Idaho children – 49,750 children – go to bed hungry every night, and 157,000 residents of Idaho live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 food assistance became necessary and was provided through the Foodbank's three warehouses at no cost to needy Idahoans more than 543,000 times, and children received food assistance 216,000 times, and senior citizens received food assistance 137,600 times; and

WHEREAS, The Idaho Foodbank's vast network of 11,750 volunteers who contributed more than 43,900 hours in 2003, and the number of food drives increased to 473 and resulted in 691,800 pounds of food, a 13.5% increase from 2002; and

WHEREAS, The Idaho Foodbank is committed to nourishing children and has established a goal that no child in Idaho should go hungry; and

WHEREAS, in its ongoing fight to eliminate hunger in Idaho, The Idaho Foodbank this week celebrates its 20th anniversary, the fourth year of its new facility at 3562 South T.K. Avenue in Boise, World Food Day 2004, the fifth anniversary of its Kids Café program, which provides snacks and meals for low-income elementary school children, and the seventh anniversary of Chefs to the Rescue, the Foodbank's prepared-food rescue program;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DIRK KEMPTHORNE, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim 10 through 17, 2004, to be

IDAHO FOODBANK WEEK

in Idaho.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this seventh day of October in the year of our Lord two-thousand and four and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred twenty-ninth and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred fifteenth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dirk Kempthorne".

DIRK KEMPTHORNE
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ben Iukosa".

BEN IUKOSA
SECRETARY OF STATE